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Aviation Maintenance Data Interchange

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Agenda

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- ❖ UID Coverage in DEX
- ❖ Current ELITE schedule
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- ❖ Future ELITE Initiatives –
Spirals
- ❖ Summary



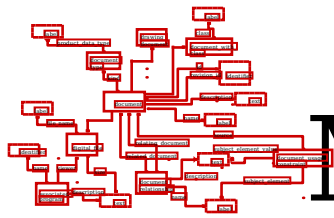


Primary Goal

- ❖ Weapon Systems Life Cycle Management (WSLM) Interoperability
- ❖ Materiel Supply Service Management (MSSM) Visibility
 - Aviation Maintenance Visibility through Product Life Cycle Support (PLCS)

***Increased Responsiveness
to Warfighters***





Model-Driven Information Integration

❖ Problem

- Implementing new initiatives , i.e., UID in the legacy environment
- COTS vendors provide proprietary models now that result in brittle and costly interfaces

❖ Solution

- COTS data transformation services leveraging open interoperability standards, i.e. PLCS
- Aviation Maintenance Data Interchange project demonstrates how this works





Why do it this way?

- ❖ Most effective way to implement UID in a legacy environment
- ❖ PLCS International Standard provides a framework for vendor-neutral data transformation

Don't have to wait for standards maturity to implement and become operational now!

- ❖ PLCS is different from other standards-oriented solutions because it is extensible to a range of lifecycle events
 - Business Concepts
 - Use Cases
 - Business Processes
- ❖ Combined with advanced data exchange technology enables immediate operational implementation

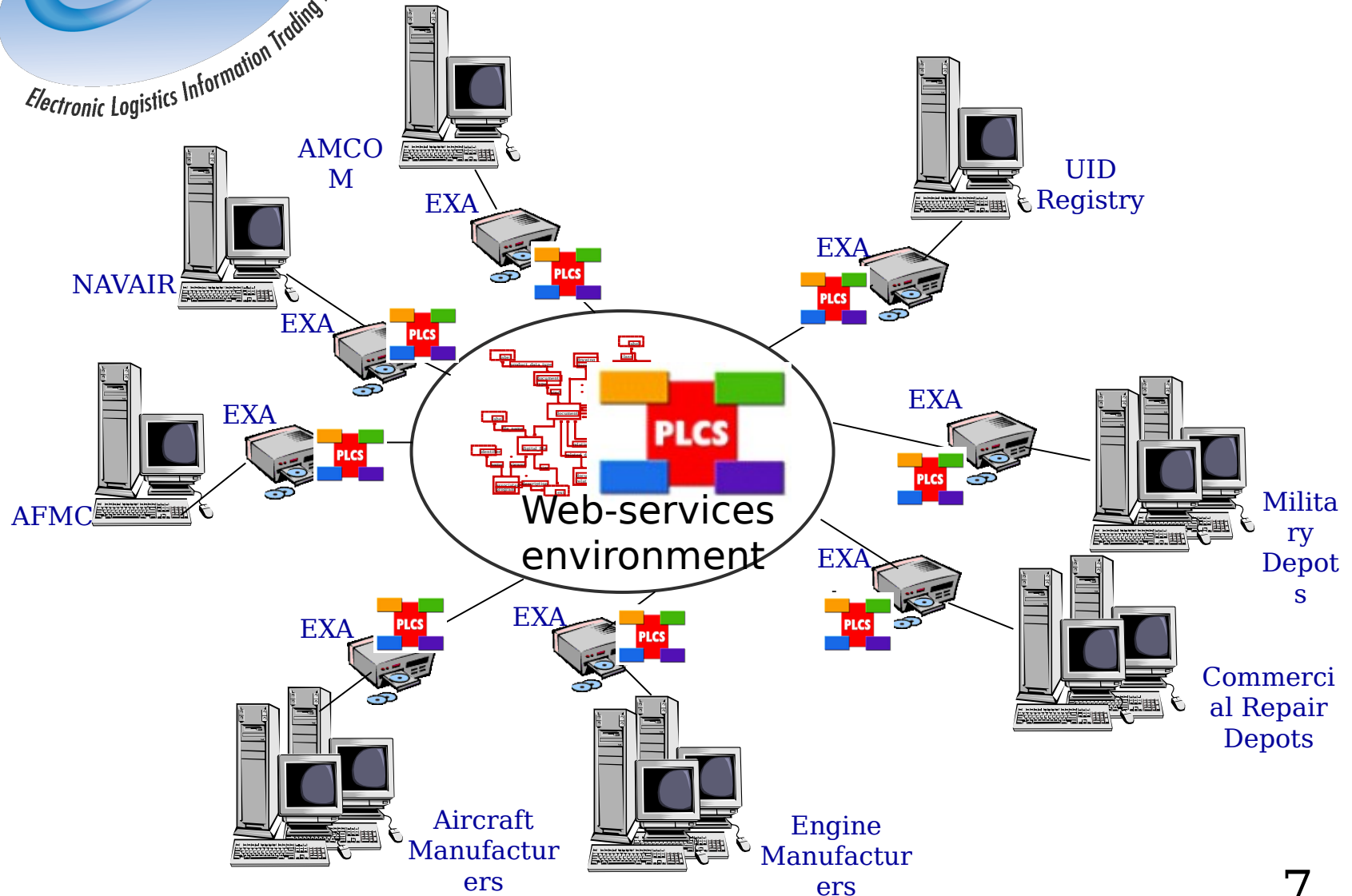




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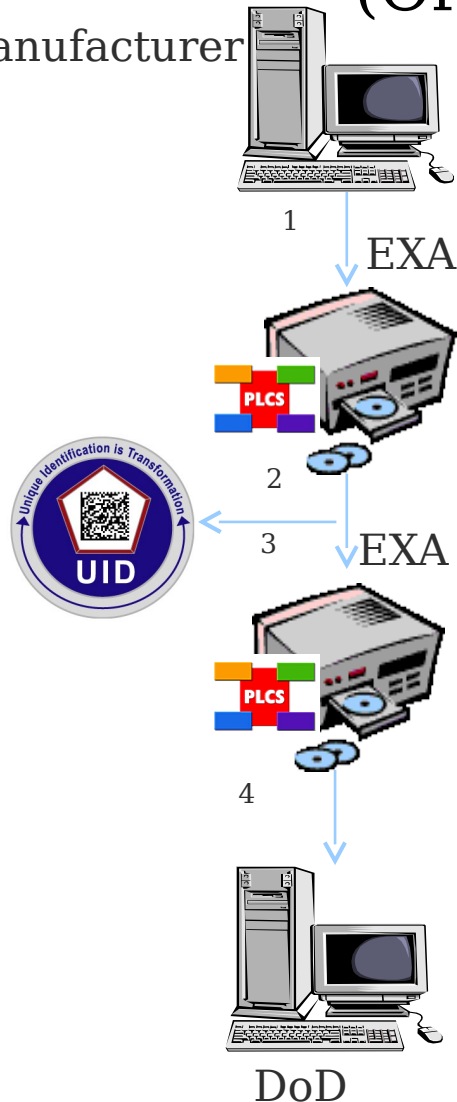
- ❖ Develop web cognizant data standards
 - ISO 10303 AP239 PLCS Aviation Maintenance DEX
- ❖ Install exchange servers located with legacy systems
 - Use existing servers where possible
 - Houses COTS product and database transaction management
- ❖ Utilize COTS and custom software (as needed) for data transformation

Architecture



Operational Description – Example: CM Data for a New Aircraft/Engine (Originating from the Manufacturer)

Manufacturer



- ❖ **Step 1:**
 - A Transaction Set (TS) is transmitted to the EXA from the Manufacturer as a result of shipping a new aircraft/engine to DoD.
- ❖ **Step 2:**
 - TS from the Manufacturer's EXA is transformed into the ISO 10303-AP239 PLCS Compliant DEX Data Set and transmitted to the DoD EXA Server
- ❖ **Step 3:**
 - Populate the UID Registry.
- ❖ **Step 4:**
 - DoD EXA receives the PLCS Compliant DEX Data Set, transforms the data into legacy acceptable TS, and populates the appropriate fields in the DoD Server.

Product Life Cycle Support (PLCS)

Capabilities enabled by PLCS - ISO 10303 AP 239



❖ Product Description

- Capability to define product requirements and configuration, including relationships between parts and assemblies in multiple product structures (as-designed, as-built, as-maintained)

❖ Work Management

- Capability to request, define, justify, approve, schedule and capture feedback on work (activities) and related resources.

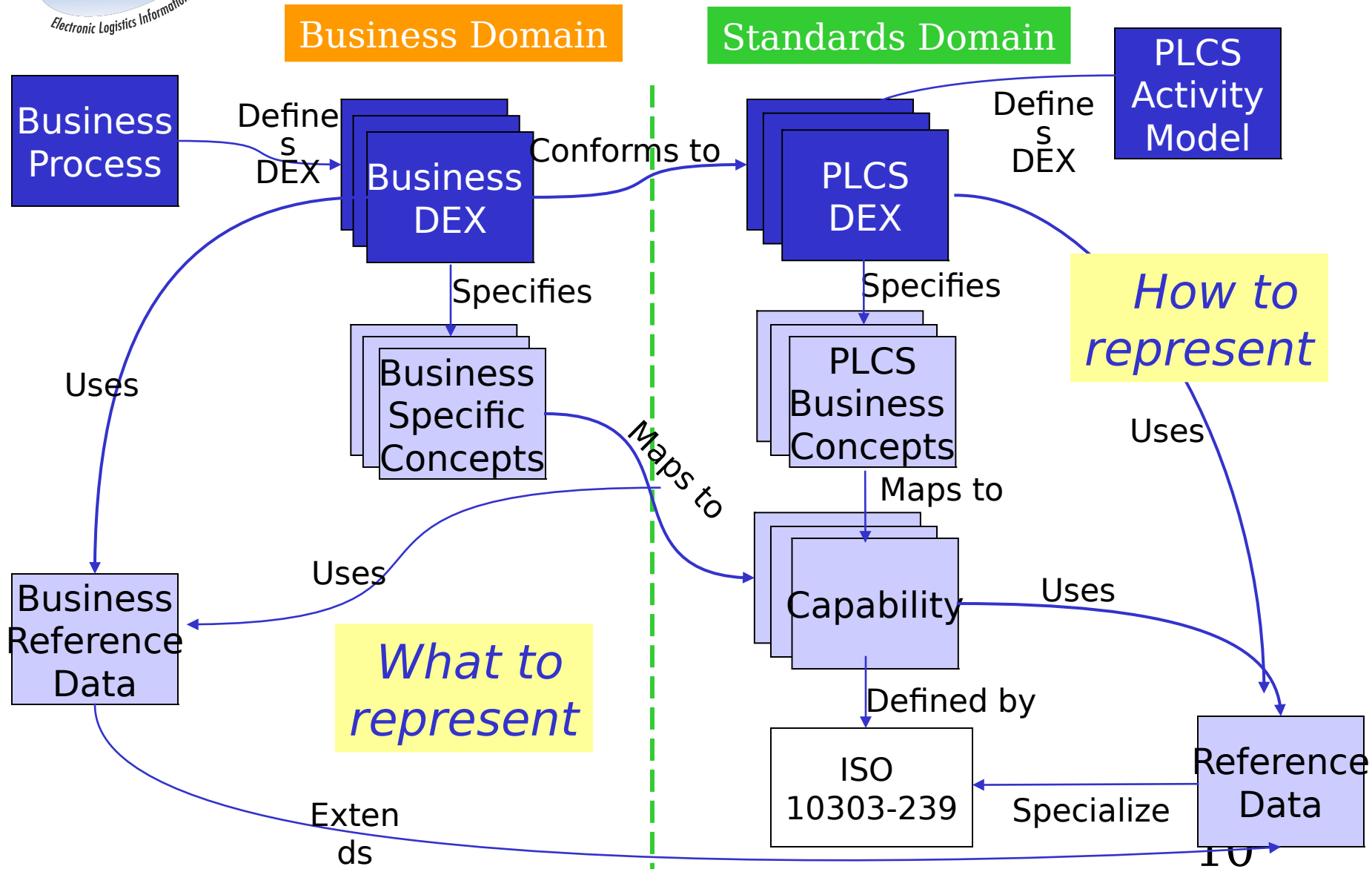
❖ Property, State and Behavior

- Capability that describes and captures feedback on product properties, operating states, behaviour and usage

❖ Support Solution and Environment

- Capability to define the necessary support for a given set of products in a specified environment and to define support opportunity, facilities, personnel and organizations

PLCS DEX Overview --What and How





PLCS Process

Business Information Objects (BIO)

- Army PAM 738-751

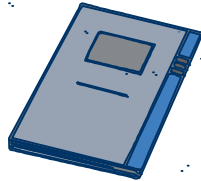
- Navy 4790

- Air Force

- Sikorsky

- Boeing

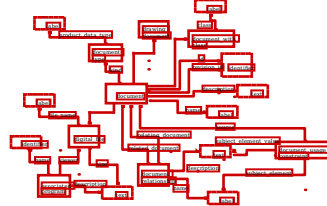
- Rolls Royce



Mapping of Source Data to PLCS

Item	Item Name	PLC Specifications	Mapping Specifications
1	Part Material design enterprise type code	group name	group, assigned to enterprise information = enterprise type code
2	Part Material design enterprise identifier	identification, assignment id	identification, assignment to product information = enterprise identifier
3	Part Material design enterprise identifier	identification, assignment id	identification, assignment to product information = enterprise identifier
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7	Product tracking head source code (123456)	group name	group, assigned to product information = product tracking head source code
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PLCS Reference Model in EXPRESS

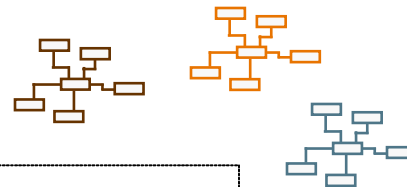


Data Exchange Business Rules

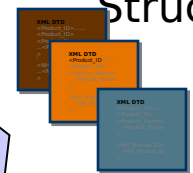


PLCS Application Transaction Sets in XML

PLCS (DEX) Context/Application Model in EXPRESS

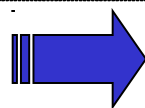


Product Identification on Product Structure

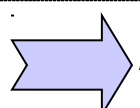


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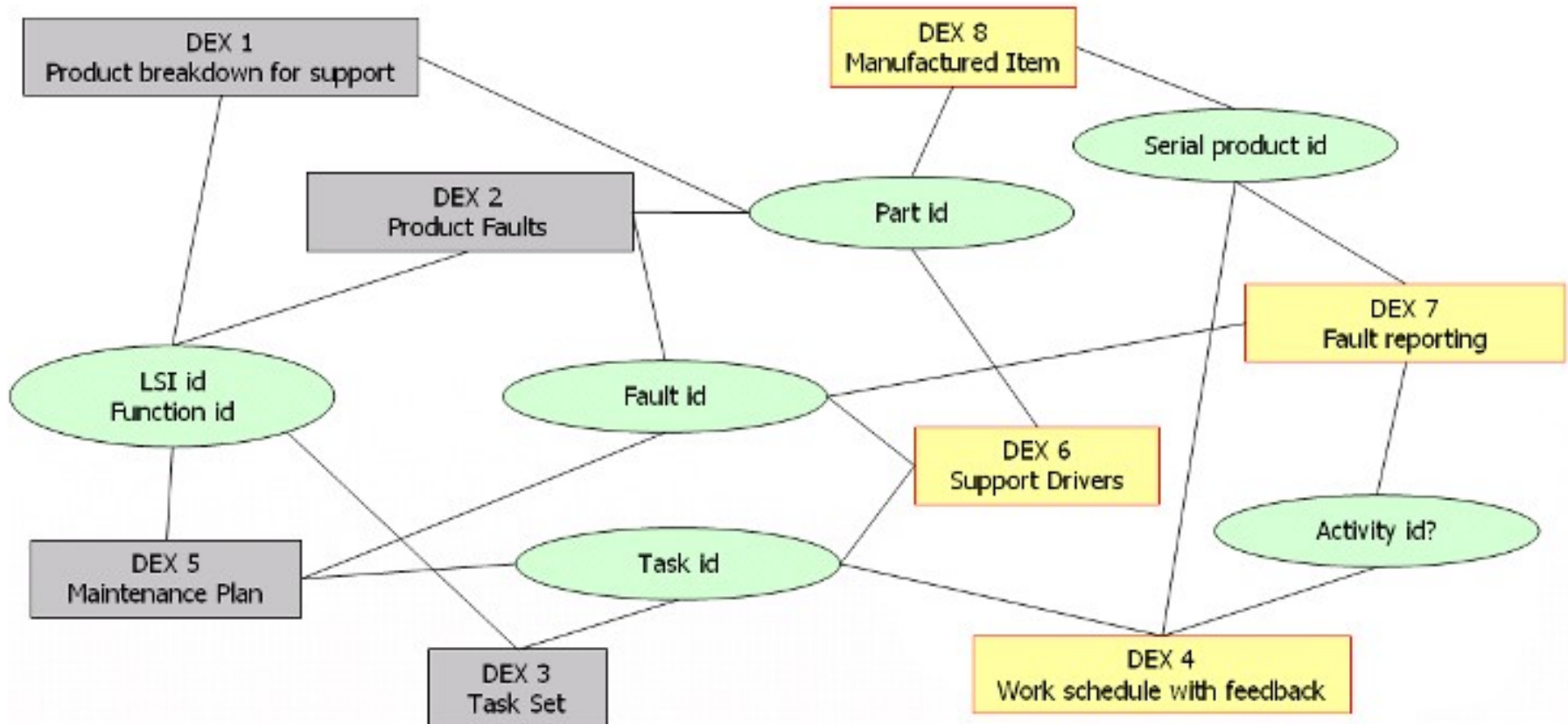
Analysis



Auto Tools



DEX specifications





Aviation Maintenance DEX

- ❖ Focused on DA 2410 form
 - Provided a good way of scoping what is to be represented
 - Used PAM 738-751

- ❖ This provided a good basis for extending into a more generic DEX
 - The generic DEX supports broader scope

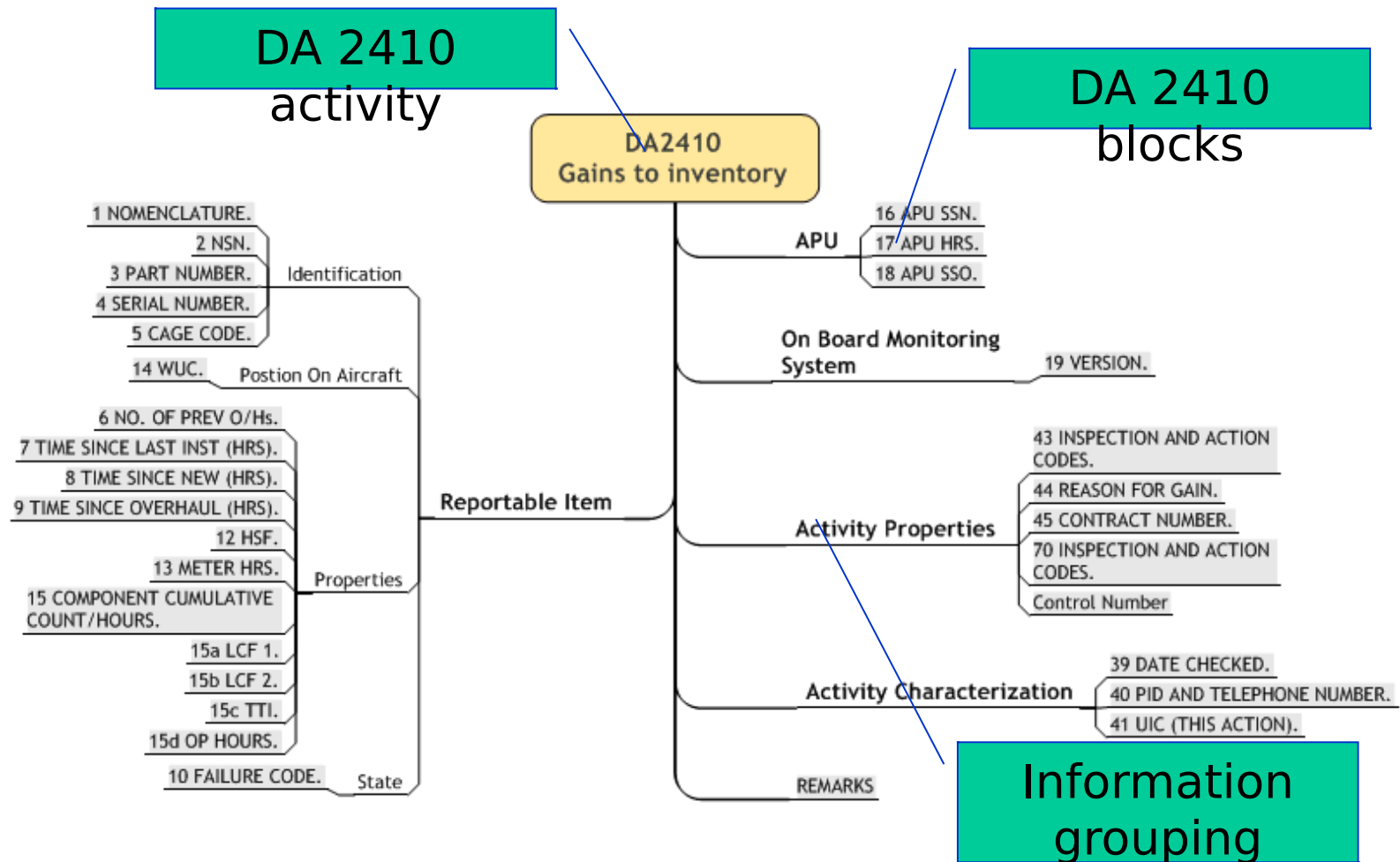


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- ❖ Identified “chunks” of information to be exchanged



Analysis of Information to be Exchanged

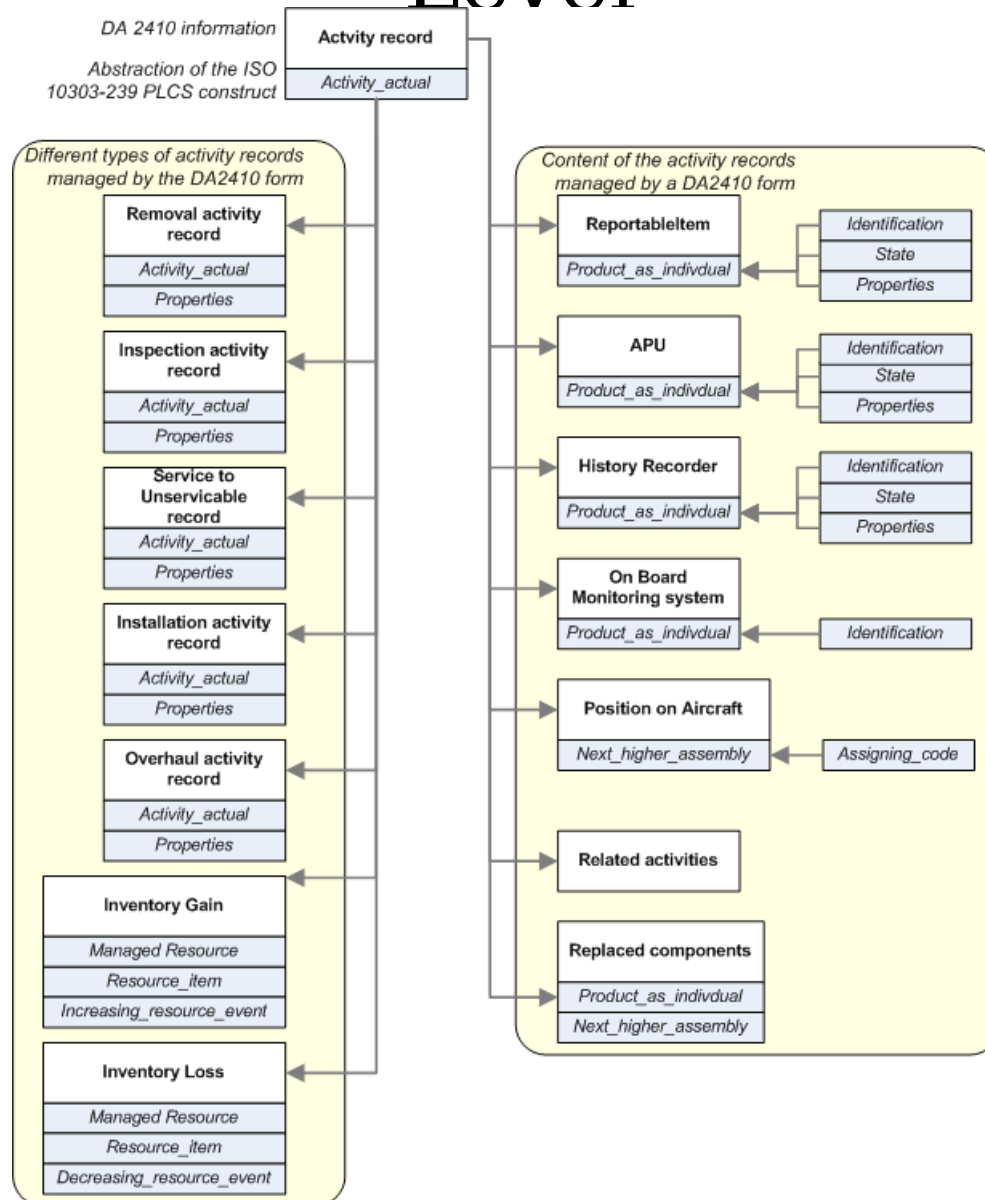




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How to Represent in PLCS - High Level





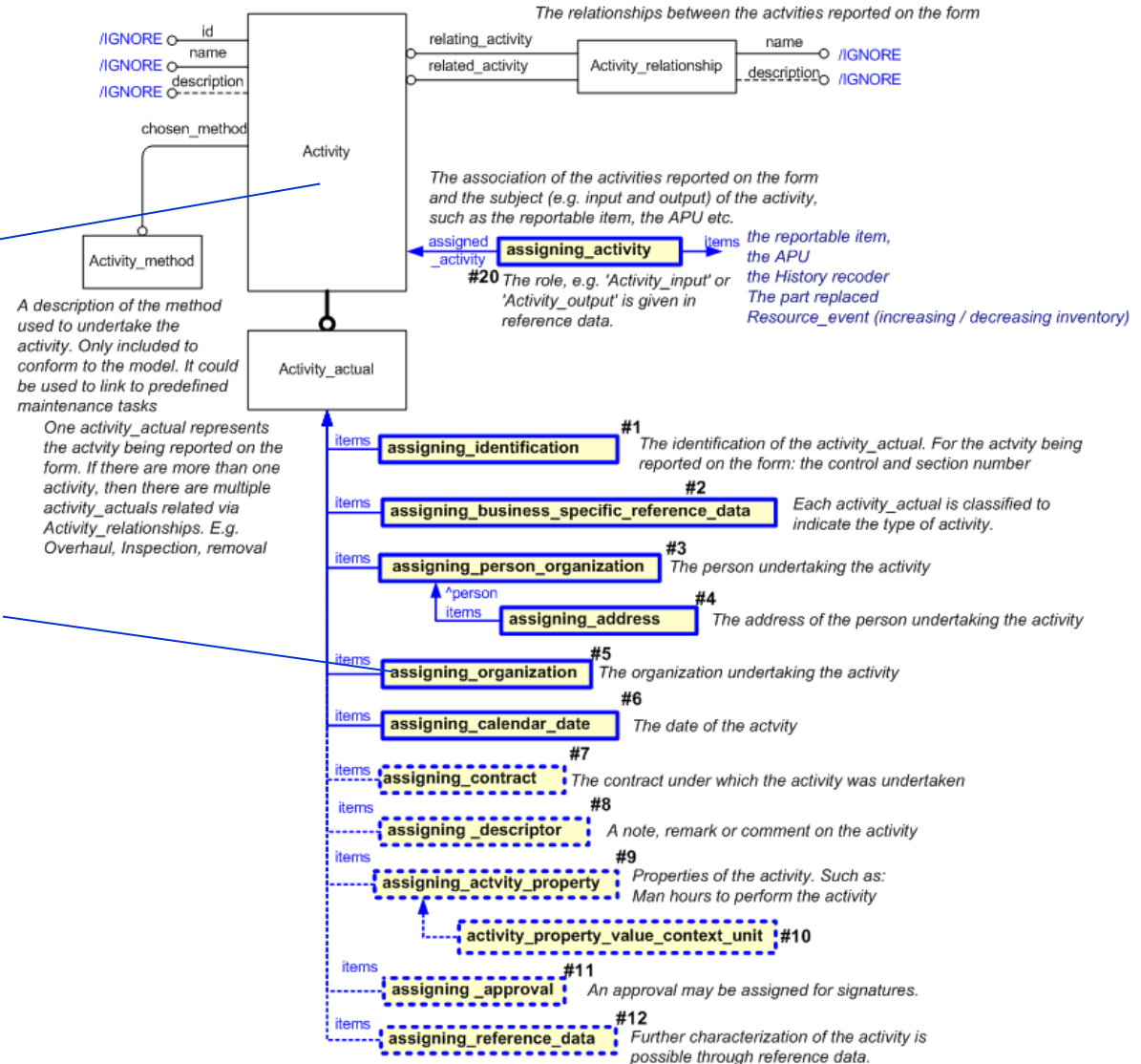
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- ❖ Developed
 - Business Concept, Templates, Reference Data

How to Represent in PLCS Detailed

EXPRESS entity

Template



Use of Templates - DA2410Mapping

Mozilla Firefox

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The following templates are used in the diagram and represent the various blocks on the DA2410 form:

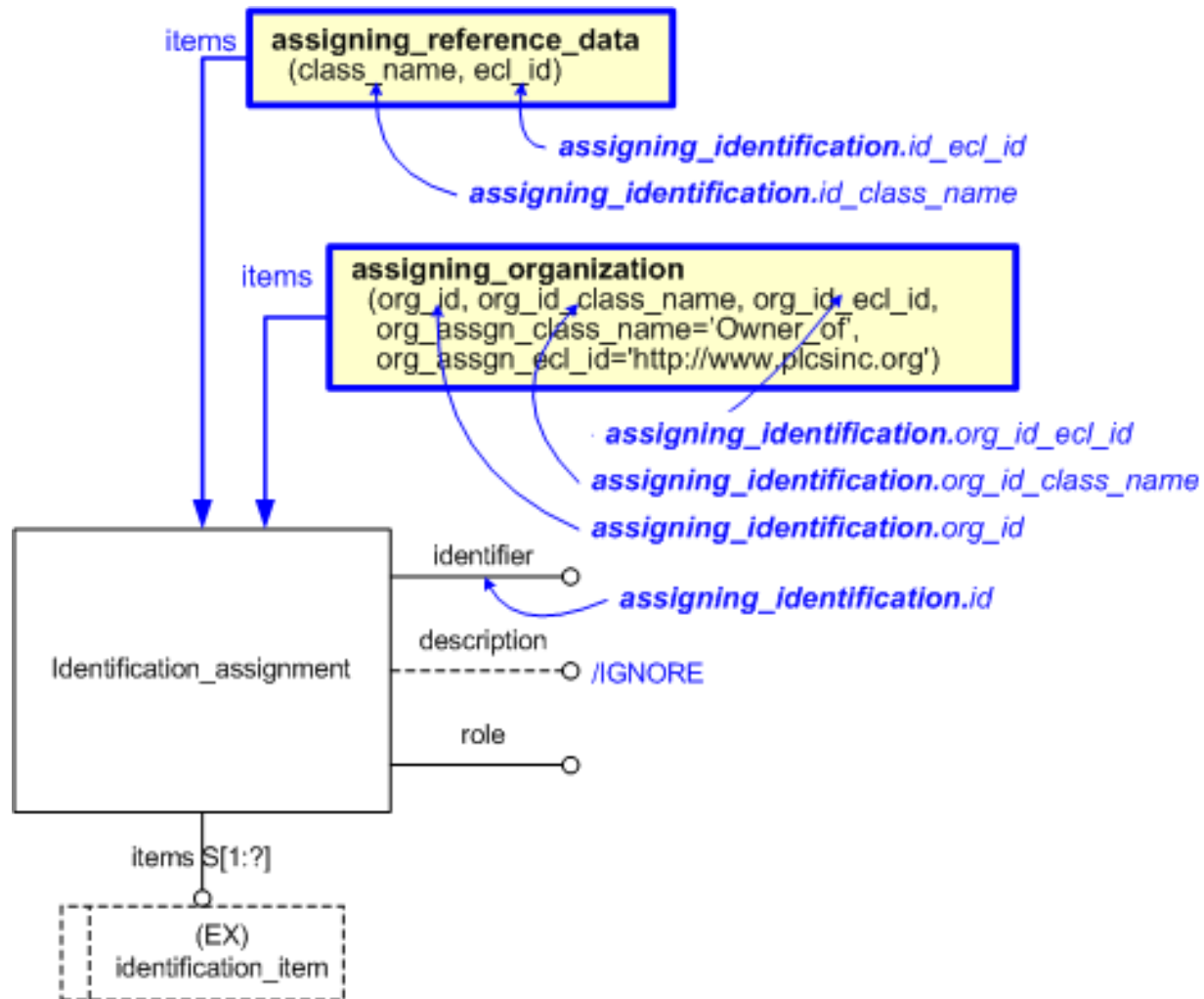
Issue - RBN

The idea is to provide a template table like this for the complete diagram, and therefore show how every DA2410 block maps.

Template: #1 assigning_identification

Description	The identification of the activity_actual. For the activity being reported on the form, this is the control number.	
Parameter name:	Parameter value:	Parameter description:
<i>id</i>	DA2410 block: control block	The identifier
<i>id_class_name</i>		The name of the class used to classify the identifier and so provide the role or reason for the identification.
<i>id_ecl_id</i>	urn:plcs:rdl:std	The id of the External_class_library storing the id_class_name.
<i>org_id</i>	'US Army'	The identifier of the organization that "owns" the identifier.
<i>org_id_class_name</i>		The name of the class being used to classify the identification of the organization. For example CAGE code.
<i>org_id_ecl_id</i>	urn:plcs:rdl:std	The id of the External_class_library storing the org_id_class_name class items.

A Template



Aviation DEX Templates

❖ A specification of “How”

- **activity_property_value**
- **assigning_activity**
- **assigning_activity_property**
- **assigning_address**
- **assigning_approval**
- **assigning_approval_person**
- **assigning_asserted_state**
- **assigning_assessed_state**
- **assigning_calendar_date**
- **assigning_contract**
- **assigning_dated_effectivity**
- **assigning_descriptor**
- **assigning_person_in_organization**
- **assigning_product_property**
- **assigning_time**
- **product_property_value**
- **representing_count**
- **representing_date_time**
- **representing_dated_effectivity**
- **representing_quantity**

Dependent Capabilities

- representing_properties_numerically
- representing_activity
- assigning_process_properties
- representing_person_organization
- assigning_approvals
- representing_state_observed
- representing_contract
- assigning_effectivity
- assigning_descriptor
- assigning_product_properties
- assigning_date_time
- representing_value_with_unit
- assigning_date_time



Outcome

❖ Specification

- “How to” represent the DA 2410 information using ISO 10303-239
- “What” to represent in an exchange
- Templates ensure that same approach is used in other DEXs
 - Began with PAM 738-751 Reference Data
 - Utilized joint service data element spreadsheet to enable generic Aviation Maintenance DEX

The Aviation Maintenance DEX

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window titled "DEX (12):— aviation_maintenance - Mozilla Firefox". The address bar shows "DEX: (12) aviation_maintenance — Aviation maintenance". The page content displays XML Schema code for the aviation_maintenance DEX. The code defines two complex types: "uos" and "Activity_item". The "uos" type is a complex content type that extends "exp:uos" and contains a choice of "exp:Entity" and "exp:edokey". The "Activity_item" type is a complex content type that contains a group of elements, including "ap239:Activity", "ap239:Activity_actual", "ap239:Activity_method", "ap239:Activity_property", "ap239:Applied_activity_assignment", "ap239:Applied_state_assignment", "ap239:Applied_state_definition_assignment", "ap239:Assigned_property", and "ap239:Envelope".

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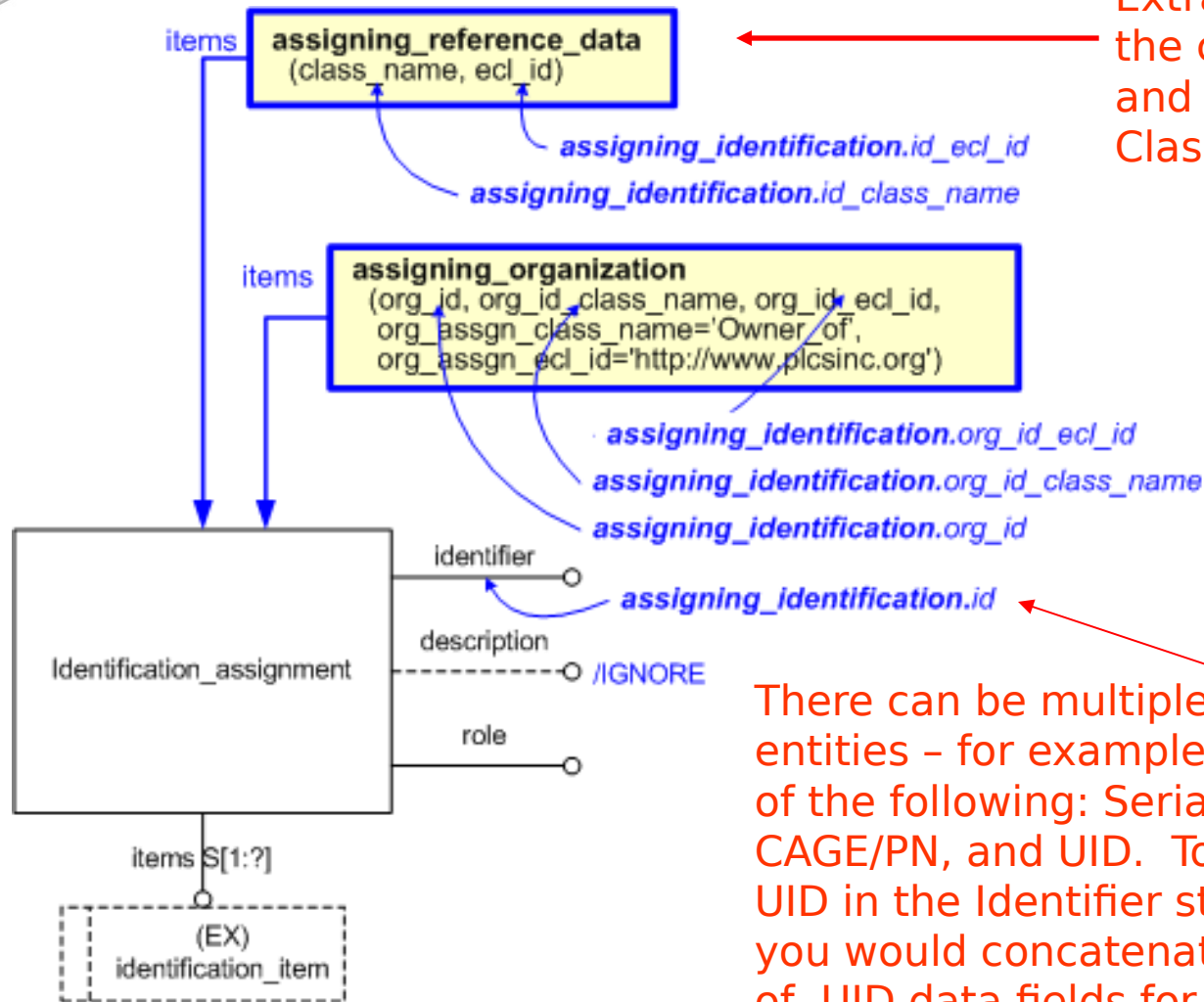
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<xs:import namespace="urn:iso:std:iso:10303:28:ed-2:2005:schema:common"
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- <xs:complexType name="uos">
  - <xs:complexContent>
    - <xs:extension base="exp:uos">
      - <xs:choice maxOccurs="unbounded" minOccurs="0">
        <xs:element ref="exp:Entity"> </xs:element>
        <xs:element ref="exp:edokey"> </xs:element>
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UID in the DEX Template



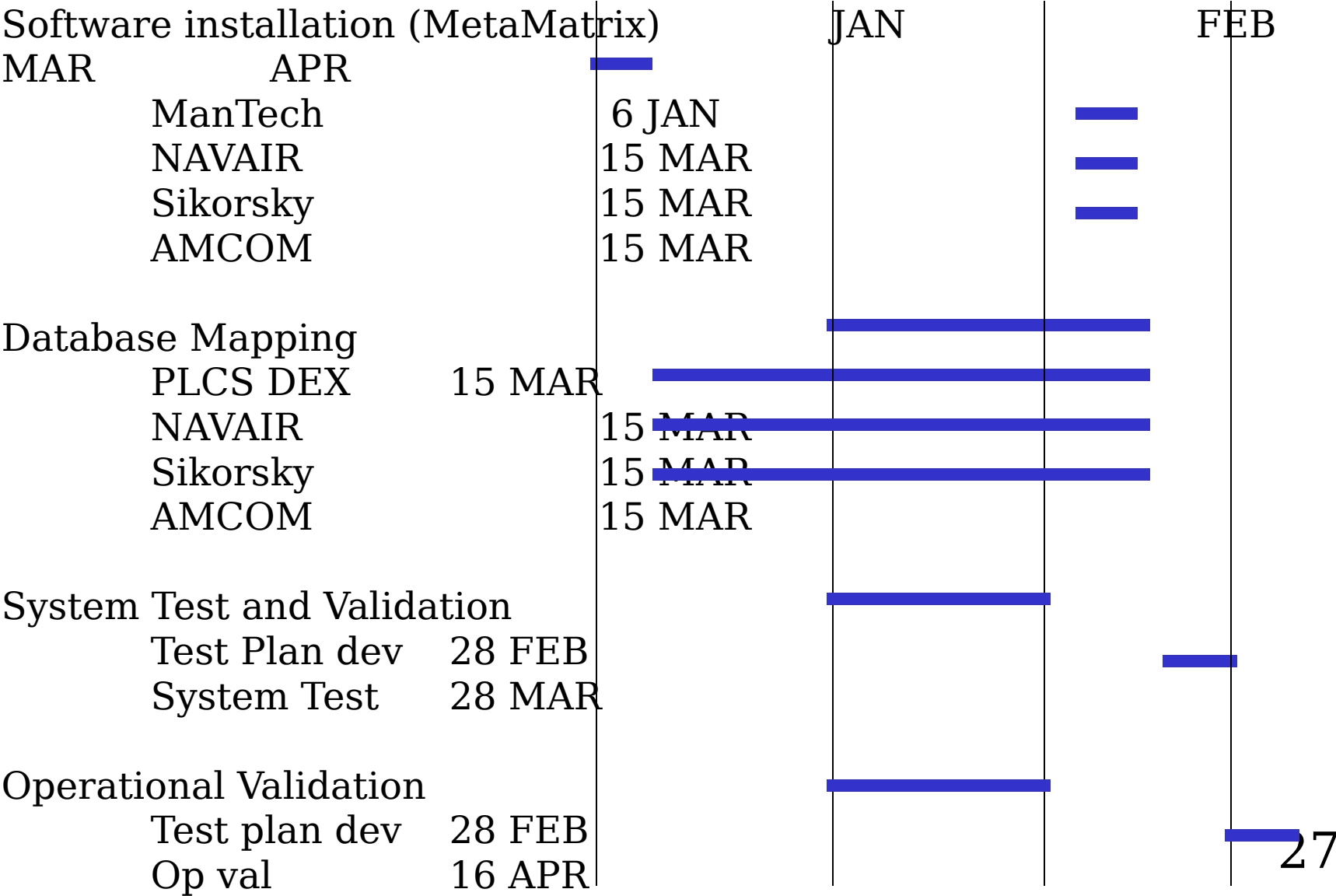
Extract the UID by the classification and organization.
Class = UID

There can be multiple identifier entities – for example one for each of the following: Serial Number, CAGE/PN, and UID. To store the UID in the Identifier string entity you would concatenate all pieces of UID data fields for construct 1 or 2.

ELITE Schedule

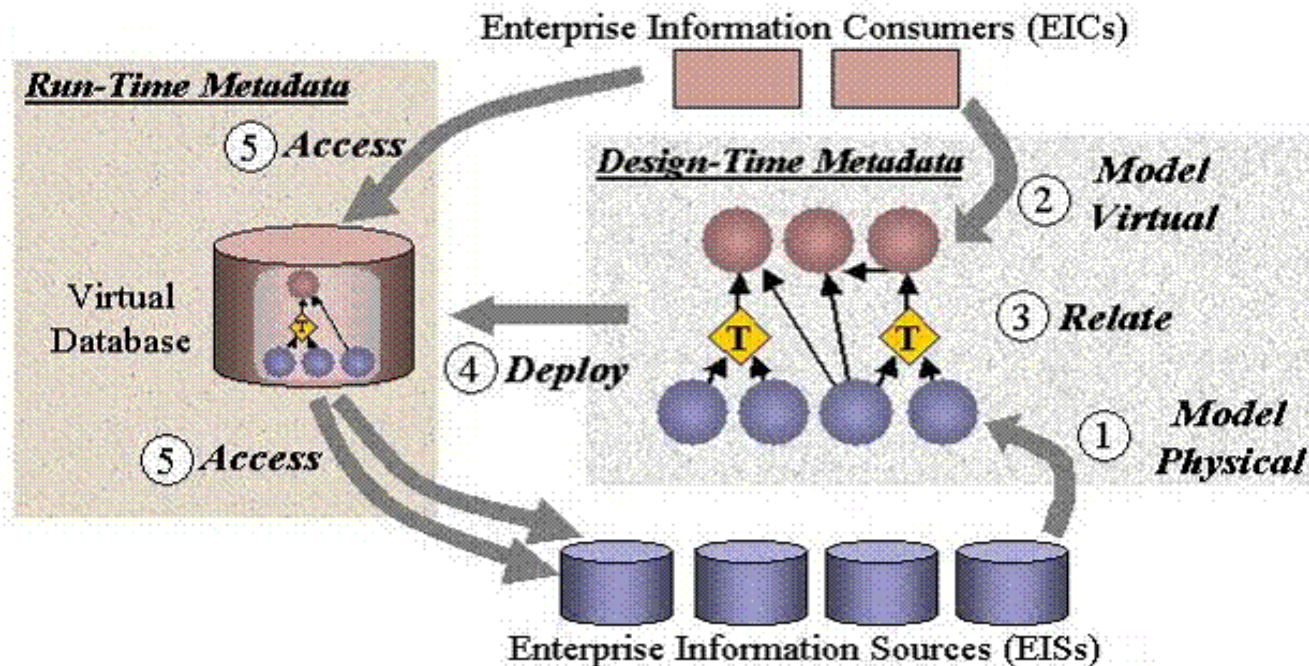
Task

Milestone



Transformation Server Mapping: MetaMatrix

Model-Driven Architecture:
Formal models define access functionality

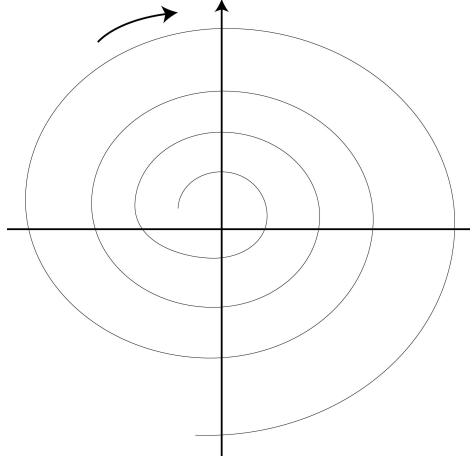




Material Visibility Spiral Development

❖ Spiral 1 – Concept Exploration and Demonstration

- Sikorsky to Army, Sikorsky to Navy, Navy to Army
- PLCS DEX
- UID in DEX



❖ Spiral 2 – Initial Operation and Evaluation

- More industry joint enterprise network
- GEX provides advanced UID processing
- ELITE / PLCS advancement (DOD business objects technical training)
- Air Force joins enterprise network
- ELITE/PLCS outreach (AIA)
- Extend Army-Navy network
- DBO to DEX conversion process

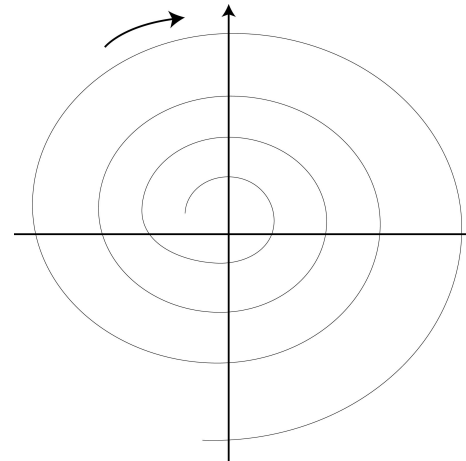
Materiel Visibility Spiral Development

❖ Spiral 3 – Full Operational Capabilities

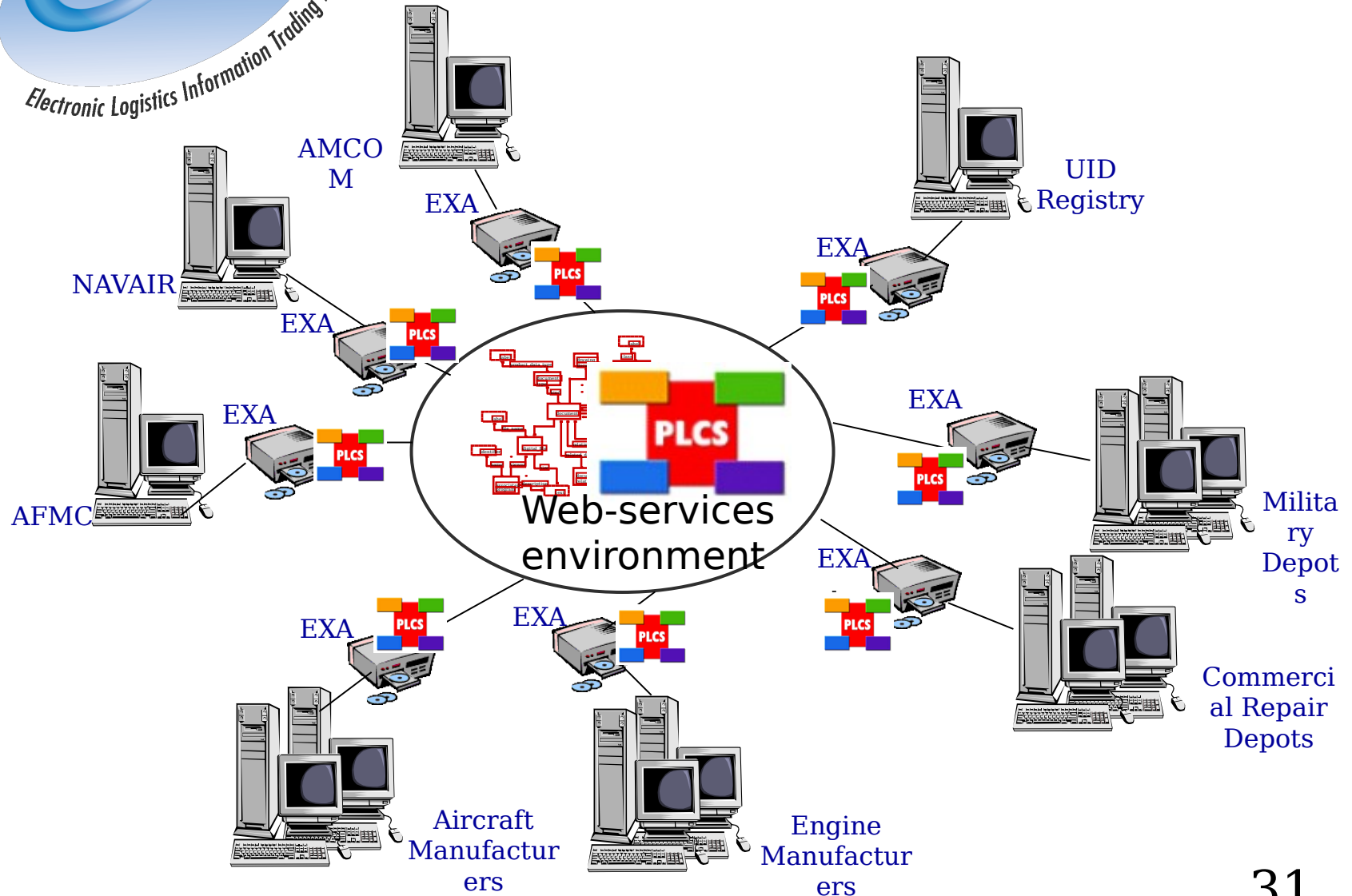
- Rules of the enterprise
- Small / Medium Enterprise – Participation
- Synchronization of UID / RFID
 - Predictive
 - CMIS
 - Tech data

❖ Spiral 4 – Expansion and Consolidation

- Tech data UID



Architecture



Summary

- ❖ ELITE supports development of the Materiel Visibility Initiative
 - Spiral 1 - Concept Exploration and Demonstration nearing completion
 - Ready to accept challenges of Spiral 2 - extend the network
- ❖ The Keys for success:
 - PLCS framework for vendor-neutral data transformation
 - COTS data transformation services
- ❖ The Aviation DEX supports UID implementation
- ❖ The Aviation DEX is based on an extensible business model that will support other weapon systems and their government and commercial maintenance managers.
- ❖ PLCS and DEX remain evolutionary
 - Template design and approval ongoing
 - DEX submission to Technical Committee review and acceptance within OASIS
 - Will need business rules for future use and adaptation to new DEX versions

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